
Other Notices

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Water Pollution Control Board (WPCB) will hold five public meetings on the Improving Kids' Environment (IKE) Citizens' Petition requesting amendments to 327 IAC 3-6-4 and 327 IAC 3-6-7. The petition addresses the requirements for obtaining a wastewater construction permit for municipalities with combined sewer overflows. These meetings will be held on:

Wednesday, November 7, 2001, at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., local time, at the Porter County Administrative Building, 155 Indiana Ave., Suite 205, Valparaiso, Indiana;

Thursday, November 8, 2001, at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., local time, at City Hall Council Chambers, 210 E. Ninth St., Auburn, Indiana;

Tuesday, November 13, 2001, at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., local time, at Ivy Tech, North Meridian Center, One 26th St., Room 419B, Indianapolis, Indiana;

Wednesday, November 14, 2001, at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., local time, at the Civil Center Administrative Building, Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Room 307, Evansville, Indiana; and

Thursday, November 15, 2001, at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., local time, at the City County Building, County Commissioner Meeting Room #308, 501 E. Court Ave., Jeffersonville, Indiana.

The IKE Citizens' Petition is available online at www.in.gov/idem/water/planbr/rules/IKECitizensPetition.pdf and is also available upon request from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, 100 N. Senate Ave., P.O. Box 6015, Indianapolis, IN 46206-6015 (Attention: Larry Wu). Questions or comments may be forwarded to the same address or by calling 317-234-1805, by fax at 317-232-8406 or by email at lwu@dem.state.in.us. Comments will be accepted until November 21, 2001.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES NOTICE OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN MEDICAID METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR SETTING PAYMENT RATES FOR SERVICES

In accordance with public notice requirements of 42 CFR 447.205, the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) publishes this notice of significant changes in the Medicaid reimbursement methodology for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinics (RHC).

Effective January 1, 2002, for FQHC services and effective January 1, 2001, for RHC services, Indiana Medicaid will reimburse these services using rates determined under a prospective payment system (PPS) as mandated by Section 702 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (BIPA).

For the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, Indiana Medicaid will pay for FQHC services using the methodologies in effect on January 1, 2001. FQHCs will continue to be reimbursed based on 100 percent of costs through December 31, 2001. Costs must be reasonable and related to the cost of furnishing such services, as described in section 1905(a)(2)(C) of the Social Security Act. In the event a final settlement has not been reached on the 1999 and 2000 FQHC cost reports by December 31, 2001, Indiana Medicaid can extend this alternative payment methodology for a period of no more than 180 days. If, at the end of this 180 day period, the 1999 and 2000 cost reports have still not been finalized, then an interim prospective rate equal to the most recent rate on file will be used to reimburse FQHC services until such time that the cost reports are final. This interim PPS rate will be adjusted annually by the Medicare Economic Index (MEI). RHCs, beginning January 1, 2001, will be reimbursed through an interim prospective rate.

As required by BIPA, a reconciliation will be completed for payments using the methodology in effect from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001 (and thereafter, if necessary) to payments that would have been made under the prospective payment system. The reconciliation is to ensure that each FQHC or RHC received payments in an amount at least equal to what would have been required under the prospective payment system. The adoption of the prospective payment system is estimated to increase payments to FQHCs and RHCs by approximately \$633 thousand in Federal fiscal year 2002. Written comments concerning this change may be sent to IFSSA, Attention: Sharon Boothby, 402 W. Washington Street, Room W382, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2739.

Copies of this notice and the pending Medicaid state plan amendment are now available for public inspection by contacting the Director of the local County Division of Family and Children office, except in Marion County where public inspection may be made at 402 West Washington Street, Room W382. The proposed effective date of the state plan amendment is January 1, 2001 while the proposed effective date of the adoption of the prospective payment system is January 1, 2002, for FQHCs and January 1, 2001, for RHCs.

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